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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are 13 sheets (Figure 1 – Figure 13) of corrected formal drawings as required in the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) mailed on August 13, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed. Please replace the originally filed informal drawings with the formal drawings submitted herewith. If any problems exist with the enclosed formal drawings, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call from the Draftsman as soon as possible.

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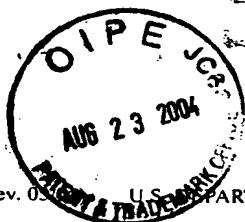
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The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 10/15/00 are:

A. approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
 B. objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawing must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings:

Black ink. Color.
 Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted.
 Fig(s) _____

Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)

1 full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____
 Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)

Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e):

Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable.
 Fig(s) _____
 Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) _____
 Mylar, velum paper is not acceptable (too thin).
 Fig(s) _____

4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4)
 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)
 All drawing sheets not the same size.
 Sheet(s) _____

Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____

5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
 SIZE: A4 Size

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11

Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) _____

Top (T) _____ Left (L) _____
 Right (R) _____ Bottom (B) _____

6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h):

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.

Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(2)

Brackets needed to show figure as one entity.
 Fig(s) _____
 Views not labeled separately or properly.
 Fig(s) _____
 Enlarged view not labeled separately or properly.
 Fig(s) _____

7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object.
 Fig(s) _____
 Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i):

Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k):

Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction.
 Fig(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l):

Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality).
 Fig(s) _____

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m):

Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____

Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____

Shade lines, pale, rough and blurred. Fig(s) _____

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(p):

Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible.
 Fig(s) _____

Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____

Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1)
 Fig(s) _____

English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2)
 Figs _____

Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least .32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3)
 Fig(s) _____

13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q):

Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) _____

Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____

14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(t):

Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____

15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u):

Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____

16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w):

Corrections not made from prior PTO-948 dated _____

17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____

Solid black shading not used for color contrast.
 Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS